

Spring 1: Year 4

Theme: Brilliant Brazil

Core texts	Writing	Shared Reading	Author in the Spotlight
	The Great Kapok Tree By Lynne Cherry	The Lost Rainforest By Eliot Schrefer	Author: Eliot Schrefer
	Learning topic (Thinking Question)	Key questions	Key Vocabulary
English	The Great Kapok Tree What is a fable? How can I demonstrate a persuasive argument?	Why was the man in the story going to cut down the Kapok tree? How did the animals try to convince the man not to cut down the Kapok tree? What can the man do now that he knows how important the tree is to the animals? How can he make a difference? If you could be any animal from the story, what would you be? How does that animal depend on the Kapok tree?	Canopy, dangle, dappled, fragrant, odour; sweet-smelling, pollen, anthers of flowers, fertilise, pollinate, slithered, wondrous.
Maths	Length and Perimeter Fractions	What is the difference between length and perimeter? How do we measure length? How can we measure the perimeter of irregular shapes? What is a fraction, and what does it represent? How can you show 3/4 on a diagram? Can you explain what equivalent fractions are and give an example?	Length, perimeter, side, unit, rectangle, square, edge, measure, fractions, numerator, denominator.
Science	What happens to the food we eat?	What different teeth do we have? Why do we have different/similar teeth to animals? What organs are needed to digest? What is a food chain?	Digest, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, herbivore, carnivore, omnivore, producer, predator, prey.
Humanities	What are the similarities and differences between Brazil and the UK?	Where is Brazil? What physical features can be seen in Brazil? What impact has urbanisation had on Brazil? What architecture and art is famous in Brazil?	Brazil, South America, Amazon Rainforest, Amazon River, Rio de Janeiro, urbanisation, carnival, rainforest.
Religious Education	Who should inspire us? Islam	Why is Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) important to Muslims? How do Muslims put their learning into practice? Who inspires you to do the right thing?	Inspire, Islam, prophet, authority, Sunnah, Quran.
PSHE	How can we stay safe online? How do we change as we grow older?	What risks are there when sharing things online? What is the difference between private and public? What are the physical changes to both male and female bodies as people grow from children to adults?	Online safety, privacy, puberty.
PE	How do bodies balance effectively? Gymnastics	How can we keep our bodies balanced? How can we mirror others? How do we stay safe when doing gymnastics?	Balance, flexibility, strength, stretch, roll, apparatus.
Computing	What is an effective sound story?	What makes an audiobook effective? How could I create an effective sound story?	Audio, audiobook, sound effect, edit, record, playback.
Art	Where is Carnival?	Why is carnival celebrated? What is a float? How can I design around a theme?	Design, theme, craft, landmark, carnival.

PE Days: Tuesday

Please remember to read with your child every day, practice times tables regularly, practice weekly spellings and complete at least two reading journal entries each week.

BSL: our BSL lessons will take place every Monday.

Roding School Values
Curiosity, Respect, Resilience, Independence, Ambition